

TOOLS YOU CAN USE



Resources to keep you and your family safe are a priority. The Waukesha County District Attorney's Office would like to share some of these with you in recognizing the importance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD).

The [Federal Trade Commission \(FTC\)](#) has a website that provides a tremendous amount of information at your fingertips. The FTC consumer website gives you the ability to; file a consumer complaint, register for the do not call list, report identity theft, get your free credit report, and order free sources and get email updates, all on the same page. You can also see the most recent consumer alerts that have been reported by the FTC.

The [Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection](#) has a lot of resources on their website for consumers and gives you an opportunity to share your story, file a complaint and ask questions on their website. They also have materials you can download such as the **MONEY SMART for Older Adults** [Resource Guide](#) which provides information about what different types of scams are out there.

The [Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection](#) also has resources for all Wisconsin residents, including seniors and their caregivers, for a variety of topics, on their website. The **Wisconsin Senior Guide** is one of their publications that addresses a number of consumer issues and scams and how to combat the issues. You can download the [Wisconsin Senior Guide](#) from their website.

We hope you find these resources and others like them a helpful tool in keeping you and your families safe. Sharing information about scams and/or potential scams is very important in learning what the new trends are out there and combating them sooner rather than later. Did you know that the FTC has indicated that from January 1, 2020 to June 8, 2020 there have been 1,310 COVID-19 and Stimulus scam/fraud reports made by Wisconsin residents? That includes fraud, identity theft, do not call registry complaints and other complaint totaling, approximately \$738,000 in total fraud loss in Wisconsin.

Please share these resources with your friends, family and co-workers so we can combat these together!